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1. COMMATT AND ASSISTANT COMMATT CALLED ON STANLEY WANG, INSPECTOR GENERAL OF CUSTOMS FEBRUARY 7 TO DISCUSS SUBJECT CASE AND PRESENT DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE ON GE'S BEHALF TO CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES. AFTER REVIEW OF EVIDENCE, WANG STATED HE DID NOT BELIEVE THERE WAS ANY IRREGULARITY IN GE PRICING. THE PROBLEM, WANG STATED, WAS THAT GE LOCAL REP FAILED TO FILE A REVISED PRICE LIST TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE (BOFT) AS REQUIRED BY ROC REGULATIONS. DUTIES ON THE SHIPMENTS IN QUESTION WERE THEREFORE ASSESSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LIST WHICH GE REPS HAD THEMSELVES FILED WITH BOFT PREVIOUSLY. WANG STATED THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN FUTURE IF GE REPS WILL FILE REVISED PRICE LISTS BEFORE ARRIVAL OF SHIPMENTS.

2. WE HAD FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. JAMES D. V. TODD, GE SALES MANAGER FOR SOUTH EAST ASIA, AND MR. CHANG OF WAYFOONG FEBRUARY 9. PRESENT PROBLEM FOR GE AND LOCAL REPS IS NT\$2.6 MILLION BOND POSTED TO COVER DIFFERENCE IN DUTIES BETWEEN FILED AND INVOICED PRICES COVERING IMPORT OF 199 REFRIGERATORS AND 626 AIR CONDITIONER UNITS DURING JAN. 5 - FEBRUARY 17, 1976 PERIOD.
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FYI GE PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED THIS COULD BECOME PRECEDENT CASE THAT WOULD AFFECT WORLD-WIDE EXPORTS. END FYI.

3. EMBASSY NOW PLANS TO APPROACH MR. C. C. CHANG, SECRETARY GENERAL YUAN WHERE APPEAL NOW RESTS, TO MAKE CASE THAT PRICE LIST FILED WITH BOFT DID NOT REFLECT ACTUAL GE SALES PRICES OR SALES PRACTICES, AND, AS INDICATED

BY INTERNATIONAL SALES AGREEMENT CERTIFIED BY ROC CONSULATE
GENERAL IN NEW YORK, THAT PRICES FOR PRODUCT LINES INVOLVED
ARE THOSE IN EFFECT AT TIME OF SHIPMENT, PROOF OF WHICH
CONTAINED IN COMPUTER PRINTOUTS, INVOICES AND ORDER
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